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1. EMBASSY HAS SEEN LITTLE POINT IN BRIEFING FONMIN OFFICIALS ON ANGOLAN SITUATION AND SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION SINCE DEPARTMENT'S ORIGINAL INSTRUCTION ON RECOGNITION QUESTION (REFS B AND C). GOC HAS RELATIONS WITH FEW AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND IN VIEW OF ITS STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST STAND, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WILL NOT BE PRONE TO RECOGNIZE A PRO-SOVIET POLITICAL GROUP SUCH AS MPLA.

2. SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA HAS RECEIVED FAIRLY WIDE COVERAGE IN SANTIAGO MEDIA AND HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF EDITORIALS IN WHICH CHILEANS USE DEVELOPMENTS AS FURTHER ARGUMENT AGAINST US DETENTE POLICY. GOC NEEDS NO NEW INCENTIVE TO BE ANTI-CUBAN. EMBASSY BRIEFINGS ON EXTENT OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT WOULD MERELY FORTIFY GOC'S ALREADY STRONG CONVICTION THAT DETENTE IS FOLLY. WE WILL NEVERTHELESS HAVE MATERIAL SUPPLIED BY DEPT IN MIND, FOR USE IF SUBJECT ARISES IN SERIOUS, NON-POLEMICAL CONVERSATIONS. POPPER

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